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SUBJECT:MEXICO CITY MARINE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

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1. DEPT FULLY CONCURS IN USEFULNESS OF PROPOSED MARTECH CONFERENCE IN STIMULATING INTEREST IN US PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGY. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE IMPACT OF CERTAIN TOPICS, LEVEL AND EXTENT OF USG PARTICIPATION, AND TIMING ON LOS CONFERENCE.

2. IN LOS CONFERENCE AND OTHER FORUMS, GOM IS ONE OF OUR MAJOR OPPONENTS ON MANY TOPICS SUGGESTED FOR MARTECH CONFERENCE. GOM POSITION ON INSTALLATIONS LOCATED ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OR IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE IS DIRECTLY
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INIMICABLE TO US NATIONAL DEFENSE INTERESTS. IN DISCUS-

SIONS ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, THEY HAVE REPEATEDLY ADVOCATED COASTAL STATE CONSENT FOR ANY MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OR REMOTE SENSING CONDUCTED BY SATELLITES WITHIN THE ECONOMIC ZONE. PRIVATELY, THEY HAVE CITED US USE OF HYDROACOUSTICS AND SATELLITES TO LOCATE RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY SCHOOLS OF FISH, I.E. TUNA, AS A JUSTIFICATION FOR THEIR POSITION. TERM NAVIGATION AND COMMUNICATIONS AS USED IN LOS NEGOTIATIONS HAS DIRECT BEARING ON

CERTAIN US NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS. ACCORDINGLY, WE WISH ENSURE THIS TOPIC STRICTLY LIMITED TO ITEMS SUCH AS LORAN-C AND SSB TRANSMISSIONS AND WOULD PREFER TERM NOT RPT NOT BE USED. ALSO SUGGEST COAST GUARD MOST APPROPRIATE AGENCY THIS TOPIC.

3. ACCORDINGLY, DEPT WISHES DOWNPLAY OR ELIMINATE THESE TOPICS. DEPT ALSO WISHES TO SEVERELY LIMIT EXTENT USG PERSONNEL IN CONFERENCE, AND ENSURE THEY ARE STRICTLY ACKNOWLEDGED TECHNICAL EXPERTS IN FIELD. THUS WISH MAXIMIZE ACADEMIC AND INDUSTRIAL PARTICIPATION. DEPT ALSO WISHES TO ENSURE MARTECH CONFERENCE NOT RPT NOT HELD BEFORE OPENING OF NEW YORK SESSION LOS CONFERENCE. IT SHOULD BE EASY TO SLIDE DATE IN VIEW COMPLEXITY OF PUTTING TOGETHER A TECHNICAL CONFERENCE OF THIS SORT. DEPT WAS SURPRISED AT SUGGESTION SUCH A CONFERENCE COULD BE CONVENED AS EARLY AS JANUARY. FINALLY, DEPT WISHES ENSURE THIS LOS CONCERN NOT RPT NOT BECOME KNOWN.

4. TAKING ABOVE INTO ACCOUNT, DEPT WILL ASSIST WITH OTHER AGENCIES ASAP. DEPT WILL WISH TO MONITOR CLOSELY AGENDA AND PARTICIPANTS. PRESUMABLY MTS AND IEEE CAN PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITH ACADEMIC AND INDUSTRIAL PARTICIPATION.

5. DEPT WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH OTHER AGENCIES CONCERNED ON STRICTLY LIMITED BASIS ABOUT THIS MATTER. DEPT WILL ALSO USE CLOSE CONTACTS WITH MTS TO ASSIST IN CHANNELING DIRECTION OF CONFERENCE AS OUTLINED ABOVE. KISSINGER

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